

gross tonnage, and the measurement ascertained by the said commander or officers shall be conclusive and final, and any license granted shall be corrected and amended in accordance with such measurement, and the appropriate license fee hereinbefore named, paid in accordance with such corrected measurement and the right granted by any such license already issued shall be suspended until the full payment of such license fee is made; provided, however, that no certificate shall be required to procure a license for any boat whose tonnage does not exceed six tons gross, custom-house measurement; but should a license be issued to such boat, which afterwards, on measurements by the admeasurers or said commander or his duly authorized officer as aforesaid, is shown to be of greater tonnage than permitted or allowed under the provisions of this Act, such license shall be null and void, and the party using such license, after notice given, shall be deemed guilty of taking oysters without a license, and shall be punished as is provided by Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws for that offense; after the certificate of the admeasurers shall be filed with the respective clerks, and the applicant shall present to such clerk the duplicate certificate hereinbefore provided for, the clerk shall issue to the said applicants a license for said boat, if all other requirements and conditions aforesaid herein provided shall be complied with.\*

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 163. 1878, ch. 359.

**378.** Any resident of Talbot or Dorchester counties desiring to use any canoe or other boat in catching or taking oysters for sale, with rakes or tongs, in the said Choptank river, shall first obtain, by application to the clerk of the circuit court for said counties, respectively, a license therefor; and such license shall have effect from the first day of June in the year in which it may be obtained to the first day of June succeeding, and shall authorize the use of said canoe or boat in taking or catching oysters on either side of the dividing channel of said river, for sale to any person; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to conflict with the rights of owners or occupants of lands bordering on said river secured and protected under existing laws.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 164. 1888, ch. 385. 1894, ch. 178.

**379.** For the purpose of more definitely defining the lines for scraping oysters in Choptank river in Talbot county, the following lines shall be construed as the mouths of its tributaries, to wit: beginning at the north end of Vincent's Neck woods on Tilgman's island, and running thence to Long or Nelson's point, which line shall be construed as defining the mouth of Harris' river; thence from said Long or Nelson's point to the south end of Royston's island, and thence in a straight line to Benonis point, which line shall be construed as the mouth of Broad river and Irish creek, thence from Benonis point to Clorss point; and the County Commissioners of Talbot county shall procure eight buoys, two of which shall be placed on each of the above described lines by the oyster police boat

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\*Sec. 2, ch. 180, 1902, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.